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FOR: CLIFFORD BLOCK/TAB AND LA/DR/EST

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SUBJECT: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE DEMONSTRATION - UWI  
DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

REFERENCE: STATE 211607

1. COPY OF REFTEL WAS CONVEYED UWI UPON RECEIPT FOR  
THEIR REVIEW AND COMMENTS. RESPONSE THROUGH PRO-VICE  
CHANCELLOR LALOR WAS ONE OF "SURPRISE" AND "DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT".  
ACCORDING TO UWI, THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH DENNIS FOOTE BROUGHT OUT  
NO INDICATION THAT THERE MIGHT BE A CANCELLATION OF THE DATE AND  
THE UWI HAD PROCEEDED WITH THE NECESSARY COUNTRY CLEARANCES AND  
OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE REGION. THE UWI HAS HAD THEIR OWN IN-  
TERESTS AND CAPABILITIES IN THE AREAS OF COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY  
AND A REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS EFFORT WHICH PRE-DATES THE CURRENT  
TAB/AID/SAT ACTIVITIES HERE INCLUDING THE VERY SUCCESSFUL USAID/  
UWI DIALOG REMOTE DATA SEARCHING DEMONSTRATION. THEIR  
RESPONSE TO AID/W ATS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES THUS HAD  
BEEN POSITIVE AS IT COINCIDED WITH MANY OF THEIR OWN  
INTERESTS.

2. THE UWI INFORMED US THAT THE PROPOSED DECEMBER DATE  
OULD NOT BE MEANINGFUL IN THAT IT WOULD COME AT THE END  
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OF THE ACADEMIC TERM AND THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS, WHICH LASTS UNTIL MID-JANUARY. IF OCTOBER DATE  
IS DEFINITELY OUT UWI WOULD SEE NO ALTERNATIVE UNTIL  
SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

3. IN THE MEANTIME UWI HAS ALREADY FINALIZED MANY OF  
THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE TRINIDAD AND BARBADOS CAMPUSES

INCLUDING THE FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES AFTER THE INITIAL  
VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH ON THE DEMONSTRATION.

4. CONSEQUENTLY, IN VIEW OF APPARENT INABILITY OF AID/W  
TO MEET ORIGINALLY PLANNED DATE, UWI IS OPENING DISCUSSIONS  
WITH JAMINTEL TODAY REGARDING THE POSSIBLE USE OF THE  
COMMERCIAL SATELLITE WITH SOME SUBSIDY ASSISTANCE FROM  
JAMINTEL IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT A MODIFIED PROGRAM FOR  
PERHAPS A TOTAL OF ONE HOUR. THIS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO  
INITIATE A DEMONSTRATION AS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. THE  
PLANNED FOLLOW THROUGH OUTREACH ACTIVITIES WOULD THEN BE  
POSTPONED TO A LATER TIME, POSSIBLY NEXT YEAR.

5. THE UWI ALSO INTIMATED THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY  
FOR THEM TO SEEK SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING IF THE  
ARRANGEMENTS WITH JAMINTEL PROVE FEASIBLE. FOR THIS  
THEY WOULD PROBABLY PLAN TO APPROACH THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY FUND (ECF) OR SOME OTHER EXTERNAL AGENCY.

6. FYI THE MISSION IS QUITE SURPRISED AND DISMAYED  
AT THIS TURN OF EVENTS WHICH CAN DETRACT FROM USAID'S  
EFFORTS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS IN DEVELOPING WHAT HAS  
BECOME A CLOSE AND EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH  
THE KEY PERSONNEL OF THE UWI.

7. CONSEQUENTLY, MISSION WISHES TO INQUIRE OF AID/W:  
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(A) IS THERE STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT THE DEMONSTRATION  
CAN BE CARRIED OUT ON THE ORIGINAL DATES? WE NOTICED  
YOUR CABLE SUGGESTED A CHANGE OF DATES; (B) IF NOT, WHAT  
IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME FUNDING ASSISTANCE (LEVEL  
NOT YET DETERMINED) FOR UWI TO DO A SHORTENED VERSION  
VIA JAMINTEL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A PRESENTATION DURING  
THE BROADCAST OF THE FOLLOW-ON AID PROGRAM WHICH WOULD  
TAKE PLACE SOMETIME NEXT YEAR?

8. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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